



MONTHLY REPORT
By
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INTRODUCTION:

The monthly report is a monthly update of the activities of the City of Riverside Community Police Review Commission and gives the staff a chance to pass on information that they feel is important or noteworthy. The information provided in the twelve monthly reports forms the basis for the annual report.

COMMISSIONERS ISSUE SUBPOENA:

Commissioners voted 8 – 0 – 1 to issue a subpoena to Officer Tina Gould (formerly Banfill) in the shooting death of Mr. Volne Stokes. Officer Gould is required to appear before the Commission at the October 27 meeting to answer questions about the role she played in the incident.

The commissioners are investigating the shooting, which occurred in May 2003 as required by city ordinance. They hope to include Officer Gould's statement in their public report on the incident. At the time of the shooting, Officer Gould did not give a statement to the criminal investigators. Because she was the first officer to arrive on the scene and was in contact with Stokes when the other witnesses arrived, a statement regarding what she heard and saw is deemed crucial.

Following the release of the public report, the commissioners will review information provided by the Internal Affairs Unit and offer an opinion as to whether or not the shooting was within policy.

COMMISSIONERS BRING OUTREACH TO RPD:

Commissioners Les Davidson and Brian Percy made presentations to RPD officers at roll calls on September 13 and 16. The purpose of the meetings was to explain Commission procedures to the officers and to debunk many of the myths surrounding it.

The commissioners viewed their meetings generally as successes and hope that these were just the first in a series of meetings to keep a dialogue going between them and the officers.

OUTREACH:

The Executive Director and various commissioners attended 18 meetings or community events.

A number of local organizations and groups have taken advantage of the opportunity to have CPRC commissioners come to their meetings and discuss the Commission and its work. If you would like to have a commissioner speak at one of your meetings, please call the office at (951) 826-5509.

WORKLOAD – September 2004:

Cases Received	Lodged	Filed through CPRC	Filed through RPD
	2	3	5

A complaint is considered **lodged** when a citizen makes a complaint to the CPRC; it is **filed** when the completed complaint form is submitted.

Case Dispositions	Cases Reviewed	Inquiries*	Administratively Closed**
	2	1	1

***Inquiries** occur when a member of the public is merely requesting clarification of a policy or procedure.

****Administrative Closure** occurs when a case is closed for reasons other than being reviewed or being classified as Inquiries.

Allegations	U/F	Disc/SH	IDF	ISS	FA	FR	CC	MC
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7

U/F = Use of Force; **Disc/SH** = Discrimination/Sexual Harassment; **IDF** = Improper Discharge of Firearms;

ISS = Illegal Search or Seizure; **FA** = False Arrest; **FR** = False Reporting; **CC** = Criminal Conduct; **MC** = Misconduct / Misconduct Noted

Findings	Unfounded	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Sustained
	4	2	0	1

Unfounded - The alleged act did not occur. **Exonerated** - The alleged act occurred but was justified, legal and proper. **Not Sustained** - The investigation produced insufficient information to prove or disprove the allegation. **Sustained** - The Department member committed all or part of the alleged acts of misconduct or poor service. **Misconduct Noted** - The Department member violated a section of the Department policies, rules or regulations not originally alleged in the complaint.

Misconduct Noted

During investigations of alleged misconduct, all aspects of an officer's actions are inspected. When a policy violation is discovered beyond that alleged by the complainant, it is classified as "Misconduct Noted" and, by definition, is a "Sustained" finding. Of the cases reviewed this month, **no** allegations of "Misconduct Noted" were discovered.

Cases on Hold

There are currently 4 cases on hold in our office. These cases have either been returned to RPD for further investigation or are being held pending further investigation by the CPRC investigator.

Case Processing Analysis for Cases Reviewed in September 2004

This chart reflects the average number of days the Police Department and CPRC took to process Category 1 and Category 2 cases reviewed in September. These figures do not include cases that were held for further investigation.

	Category 1	Category 2
RPD investigation and administrative processing	0	154
CPRC processing and review	0	17

Category 1 complaints are the most serious allegations such as criminal conduct and use of excessive force.

Category 2 complaints are the less serious allegations such as discourtesy and improper procedure.

Policy Recommendations

There were no policy recommendations made by the Commission in September 2004.